

learned volume, a
English, deficient in
and undignified
in expressions of
respect and gratitude
omitted, when we sat
encouraging the very
one time voting in a
count the balls in a
third, taking the
positive statute, by

without the knowledge
in imitation of other
the names of the persons
ary thought that abuses
acted, and that L'Abbé
imaginary distinctions
used by not having it
certain that Sir Joseph
on the very morning
t the Council do what
tell the world, whether
unprofitable debates, in
occasion, however, the
him; for Sir Henry
Sir Joseph was then
! though the question
as yet made no order
f claims that cannot be
moderate-minded man,
seeming to yield a little
have anticipated their
esh opinion of Council
ace of Foreign Secre-
not only a point very
Yet Sir Joseph will be
the time of the Society
e very next meeting
y will, a motion signed
s Council, immediately
h the Foreign Secretary,
I hardly think new cir-
nd yet, strange to tell
hat Dr. Hutton should
cessor resides near Chel-
an, for not having an-
nd, for aught that ap-
f ordered that it should
panying a most splendid
rit of inconsistency, how

tumultuous acclamation †; clinging, in short, like a polypus,
to every one of his usurpations; and never (which has driven
us to this harsh necessity) never at any one period of the long
nine months the contest has now lasted, acknowledged, wledging that he
might be mistaken, promising that he would amend; or even
soliciting a friendly conference of the two parties, authorita-
tively to settle what might be amiss. Finally, our dignity has
been essentially committed, by some of us persisting, against
every admonition, and by every artifice persisting, to support
acts which it is one of the first and darling distinctions of
science to abhor and repress, acts of arrogance, acts of injus-
tice, acts of inhumanity. These are our real humiliations; these
are the true causes, that point the unblinded finger at us:
To aim at the cure of such evils, can less the dignity of no
man, or set of men.—On the contrary, it is to the honour of
our natures that we have felt, it will long continue our boast
and consolation that we have endeavoured to redress, them.

† When upon the "History of the Debates and Dissentions," being
presented to the Society, the President positively refused to put the question,
whether thanks should be returned for it or not, and even, when Mr.
Baron Maseres, declaring his disapprobation of the motion made by Dr.
Horsley, for those thanks (though he approved the contents of the *Authen-
tic Narrative* itself,) endeavoured to get rid of it by moving the previous
question, and was seconded in that motion by Dr. Maskelyne; the Presi-
dent refused likewise to put that question, though he was almost certain
that it would have been carried in his favour by a prodigious majority.
Can there be greater ignorance in a chair than not to know that
the *only* way to gather the sense of a body on a measure, is to put a
question; and can there be a greater proof of the madness of party,
than that grave and learned men should have betted this ignorance?

P. S. Since this sheet has been set to press, the following
paragraph has appeared in all the public papers.

"Yesterday, Major Desbarres kissed his Majesty's hand, on
being appointed Governor of Nova Scotia." This reward, we
hear, has been conferred on this able and spirited officer—for
great national services—in recompence of much time and much
money—for having saved, by his philosophical labours, many
of the King's ships, and the lives of many of our fellow sub-
jects. What will the *Royal Society* of London, instituted for
the promotion of natural knowledge, do now? will it choose
this rival of Cook, this successor of Halley, if he should
condescend to offer, or will it *sup-^{er}* the chair, follow up the
blow, and because it has been in *sup-^{er}* once, determine to
be in the wrong for ever? The eyes of Europe are upon us,
and we are called upon to correct what we have done amiss.